CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FIFTIETH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 1986, AT 6:30 P.M.
IN ROOM H-762, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

BD-50-D1: Status of Women Report
BD-50-D2: Hiring Committee Policy
BD-50-D3: Labour Pool Report
BD-50-D4: Hiring Committee Report

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairperson John Moore called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

PRESENT:

Co-Presidents:

Karen Takacs
Scott White

Commerce:

Scott Bergen (7:20)
Tony Ghannamy

Engineering:

Jon Jolivet

Arts and Science:

Maria Calderone
Glen Cheverie
Jim Locke
Bettina Rosenberg (7:45)
Emma Tibaldo
Brian Zelnicker

Fine Arts:

Ian Fleet
Francois Gurik

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Maggie Arbour, Joe Fortune, Mike Foster, Amanda Masterman, Linda Piovesan, Julie Smith, Scott Townsend
Commerce: Karen Ashton (W/R), Bernard Villemaire (W/R)
Engineering: Dan Artola, James Crone, Doug Hardy
Fine Arts: Elizabeth Isaac, Keren Penney (W/R)

Advisors to the Board Present: Susan Hunt, Student Life V.P.; Gracie MacDonald, V.P. Communications; Craig McNamee, Finance V.P.; Scott Robertson, Education V.P.; Marc Sicard, External V.P.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Chairperson John Moore requested that Item 7(c) Appointment to Judicial Board be moved up to Item 4(b) because the candidate was present. Karen Takacs requested that Appointments to External Committee be added to the Agenda as Item 7(c), and that Appointments to Finance Committee Item 7(d)

be moved up to Item 5(c.2) to follow the Finance Committee Report. Chairperson John Moore added a discussion on the schedule of Board Meetings for the summer months as Item 7(f).

MOVE to approve the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Glen Cheverie

There were no objections to this motion.

3. Approval of Minutes of 48th and 49th Meetings of the Board:

MOVE to approve the Minutes of the 48th Meeting of the Board of Directors as written.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Jon Jolivet

There were no objections to this motion.

MOVE to approve the Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Board of Directors as written.

Moved by: Jon Jolivet
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

There were no objections to this motion.

4. Chairperson's Remarks:

Chairperson John Moore advised that Board that Maggie Arbour was going to resign from her position as Director (Arts and Science) because she will be continuing her studies at a different institution. He requested that all Directors advise the Secretary prior to the Board meetings if they are unable to attend. He reported that the Steering Committee would be meeting on the Thursdays before the Board meetings and requested that if anyone wished to have an item put on the Agenda, s/he should submit it to the Steering Committee. He added that it was unfair to add items to the Agenda at the Board Meeting, because absent directors might have made an effort to attend if they had known that a particular item was going to be discussed. He concluded his remarks with a comment on the significance of this Meeting being the Board's fiftieth.

b) Appointment to Judicial Board:

Chairperson John Moore gave the floor to Graham Wall to introduce himself.

Candidate: Graham Wall:

Graham Wall stated that he was a Political Science student, and that 86-87 would be his last academic year. He has been serving on Judicial Board since February and has found the work very interesting. He feels that he is a fair individual and believes in hearing both sides to every story. He has been serving on the Hearing Board, and is involved in the Garnet Key

Society. He said that he hoped to be ratified because he had a chance to go West to work but stayed behind because he wished to continue with the Judicial Board.

Maria Calderone asked Graham Wall to elaborate on the work he had been doing at Judicial Board. He stated that he had been in the office every day, he worked on the general elections, and he helped student groups organize themselves for their elections. Scott White asked what was critical at Judicial Board at this point in time, and Graham Wall responded that the biggest problem is the organization of the files.

MOTION 315:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Graham Wall be ratified as a member of Judicial Board for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jon Jolivet
Seconded by: Scott White

VOTE ON MOTION 315: UNANIMOUS

5. Reports:

a) Co-Presidents' Report:

Scott White reported that there were no developments in the case of Dr. Kwok Chan of APSS. This matter is still before the Rector.

Regarding tuition-related incidental fees such as the "Academic Services Fee", Karen Takacs reported that there is a coalition of students from Concordia, McGill and Universite de Montreal which is attempting to hold joint actions to protest these fees. One such action was a press conference held May 27, and a telegram was sent to Claude Ryan, Minister of Higher Education and Sciences (no response received).

The Co-Presidents met with the organizers of the Capital Campaign. Having the students' contributions earmarked for a specific project (such as a study lounge or a scholarship) was discussed. Karen Takacs asked the Directors to think about potential projects. She also reported that the Capital Campaign organizers will be sending a pamphlet to all students over the summer and they requested that CUSA provide questions for the pamphlet (e.g., Why should I pay?).

On the issue of divestment, Karen Takacs reported that the Board of Governors' Committee for Social Responsibility has been studying the matter but the two students on the committee are not convinced that divestment is right. The next committee meeting is June 18th. She added that no one has been able to come up with the proof needed to convince the Board of Governors to divest the University's funds from the Bank of Montreal.

Karen Takacs reported that she and Scott Robertson attended the symposium on sexual harassment organized by the Advisory Committee on the Status of Women, which is planning to hold more public awareness events such as this. A report on the symposium will be distributed.

(7:00)

Scott White advised the Board that the Girdwood case was coming to trial on June 9th at 9:15 a.m. in Room 15.07 of the Palais du Justice. The CUSA lawyer has contacted about one-half of the directors who were on the Board at that time and has gone over the case with them. What the lawyer is attempting to show is that the Board acted correctly in sending Doug Girdwood to impeachment.

Karen Takacs reported that Brent Jones had met with Mr. Beaudoin, Director of Planning, and there appears to be no problems with putting the Women's Centre in the AR annex. The Concordia Women's Collective and the Simone de Beauvoir Institute will be involved in the organization of the Women's Centre.

Karen Takacs stated that Francois Desrosiers, former External V.P., will be working on a brief to be presented to the parliamentary commission looking at university funding and financial aid. In addition, Universite de Montreal, McGill University, ANEQ and RAEU are all doing briefs. Those involved will be working together to ensure that their reports are consistent.

Scott White reported that he and Karen Takacs had worked out a division of their responsibilities. This division is flexible and basically serves as a guideline, however, both Co-Presidents should be able to deal with each other's areas. Karen Takacs will be responsible for: external, finance, programming, education (split with Scott White), and Capital Campaign (split with Scott White). In addition to these split responsibilities, Scott White will also deal with services, student life, Cusacorp, orientation, and personnel.

Karen Takacs reported that an incident had taken place at the ANEQ Congress over the weekend wherein External V.P. Marc Sicard was expelled from the Congress for wearing a T-shirt with a slogan that was felt to be sexist and offensive. She added that everything has been straightened out, in particular with ANEQ's Comite des Femmes, and that Marc Sicard will be sending an apology to ANEQ.

Jon Jolivet asked what the outcome would be if Girdwood won the trial and CUSA was found guilty. Scott White responded that CUSA's lawyer has speculated that if Girdwood wins, the damages will be a token fee (the amount will be set by the judge) and not the $100,000 he is claiming.

Regarding the Capital Campaign , Gracie MacDonald stated that those who requested a refund of their contributions last year have not been charged with the fee this year. She wanted to know what would be done in the case of a student who had changed his mind and would contribute if charged but the fee is not showing up on his statement. Karen Takacs stated that this problem has been brought to the attention of the Capital Campaign organizers who are trying to rectify the matter. Scott Robertson commented that if it supposed to be a voluntary contribution, why are the students charged. Karen Takacs responded that it is an opting out procedure, not opting in. She added that the refund procedure would be simplified. Scott Robertson asked about the tax receipts that were supposed to have been issued for the contributions. He stated that he applied last year for a tax receipt but never received one. Scott White stated that he would look into the matter.

(7:15)

b) Executives' Reports:

Education V.P. Scott Robertson stated that he had met with former Education V.P. Yael Lifshitz and that he is now reviewing the files, etc. He added that he will be working with Francois Desrosiers on the brief for the Parliamentary Commission on university financing, specifically addressing the areas of course evaluations and tenure for professors. Maria Calderone asked about the status of Senate appointments. Scott White stated that some of the positions would be kept open until the fall, and that they would probably fill five positions at this time and five in the fall. He added that several applications had been received in response to the ad. Jon Jolivet asked if there had ever been a summer meeting of Senate, and Scott White responded that the latest Senate has met has been June; however, in the event that a meeting is called over the summer, Scott White assured Jon Jolivet that the mandates of the current Senators will not have expired.

On behalf of Services V.P. Brent Jones, Scott White reported that the Orientation and Priorities Conference would be held at the Redbird Ski Lodge in St-Jovite (near Mont Tremblant). After a quick check on the availability of the Directors, the date was set for the weekend of June 27th to June 29th. Transportation (vans), accommodation (bring your own sleeping bag) and food will be provided for a contribution of $10 per person. The tutorial service will commence in September. This service will be provided jointly by CUSA and the Dean of Students office on both campuses, and the costs will be picked up by the Dean of Students office. Negotiations are under way with the Toronto-Dominion Bank to install a "Green Machine" automatic teller in the Campus Centre. There are no developments on CUSA's move to the Campus Centre. However, if the construction workers go on strike, the University's physical plant workers will be on strike as well which could delay the move.

(7:30)

External V.P. Marc Sicard reported that at the ANEQ Congress over the weekend most of the amendments to the ANEQ by-laws and standing orders proposed by CUSA (BD-47-D3, BD-49-D5) were rejected by the Central Council. Commenting on his expulsion from the Congress mentioned in the Co-Presidents' Report, Marc Sicard stated that he knows now that as a delegate and as a CUSA representative, he should not have expressed his individual beliefs as he had done.

Student Life V.P. Susan Hunt reported that the Budget Committee of the Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL) had requested all service departments to submit their requests. She stated that members are needed to serve on CCSL. She will be attending the COPUS (part-time university students) Conference on June 20th.

c.1) Finance Committee Report:

Finance V.P. Craig McNamee reported that FinCom had held two meetings. Eight budgets were presented, and 15 more have been submitted. The eight budgets presented are as follows: executive salaries, Safeway Chez Vous, CUTV, QPIRG, Handbook, Games Club, Muslim Students, and African Students (which has to be reviewed once more). Craig McNamee stated that working on the budgets has precluded him from dealing with the other issues in the Finance Department, such as ECA and Cusacorp. Francois Gurik asked what

the deadline would be for submitting budgets. Craig McNamee responded that there was no deadline, and that money would be made available only after the budget had been submitted. Maria Calderone felt that there should be a deadline in order to prevent late submissions. Scott White stated that it would be up to the groups not to be late and added that there would be no spending until their budgets were approved. Jon Jolivet asked if there would be a report on the executive salaries and projects. Craig McNamee responded that the figures are available and that he would be willing to make a report if the Board wished. Jim Locke asked about the status of the budget package. Craig McNamee answered that the package is finished except for typing the documents and he stated that it will be distributed soon to all clubs and associations.

c.2) Finance Committee Appointments:

Craig McNamee stated that there were openings for three more members of FinCom in addition to those who volunteered at the 49th Meeting.

MOTION 316:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tony Ghannamy, Francois Gurik and Bettina Rosenberg be appointed to the Finance Committee for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

Discussion:

Karen Takacs asked which faculties were represented by the Directors on FinCom, and Fine Arts, Commerce and Arts and Science are represented. Karen Takacs stated that she would like to see more women on the committee. Craig McNamee asked what relevance the sex of the representatives had, and Karen Takacs responded that it was symptomatic of a number of problems within CUSA, adding that this would be discussed under the Hiring Policy (Item 7a). Craig McNamee stated that availability was the key for Directors serving on FinCom.

VOTE ON MOTION 316: UNANIMOUS

d) Labour Pool Report:

The Labour Pool Report (BD-50-D3) was distributed. This document outlined the situation with jobs at the Labour Pool--those recently filled and those presently avaialable. Thomas Burnside, one of the Labour Pool Co-ordinators, was on hand to answer questions from the Board. He stated that the office will be undergoing changes and as a result he anticipates greater success. He is working on improving the image of the labour pool, with business cards and new posters and flyers. He further reported that he will be working on the evaluation aspects of the Labour Pool, including follow-up on students' on-the-job performances and records of jobs filled.

(8:00)

e) Status of Women Report:

The Status of Women Report (BD-50-D1) was distributed for the Board's consideration. Karen Takacs expressed Karen Herland's regrets for not being able to attend this meeting, stating that Karen Herland has offered to come back at a later date if the Board so wished.

f) Hiring Committee Report:

The Hiring Committee Report (BD-50-D4) was distributed. Scott White reported that the the Hiring Committee recommends the appointments of Frank Benson and Bob Rattray for the two positions of Academic Orientation Director and Social Orientation Director respectively. He further reported that these two candidates had not yet been notified of the Hiring Committee's decision which explained their absence from the meeting. Scott White added that Frank Benson had been the only candidate for the Academic Orientation Director, and stated that he had innovative ideas and was ready to devote the time. Scott White stated that Bob Rattray would be heading up a team of three (Bob Rattray, Terry Lee and Rolland Gill) to carry out the responsibilities of the Social Orientation Director. Scott White went on to explain that Orientation is a joint effort of CUSA and the University. On the Academic side, it is an opportunity for new students to learn about the University through tours of the various facilities, speakers from the University administration, etc., and on the Social side, it is a "welcome week" for new and old students.

MOTION 317:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Frank Benson be ratified as Academic Orientation Director for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Glen Cheverie

VOTE ON MOTION 317: 11/1/1 Carried

MOTION 316:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bob Rattray be ratified as Social Orientation Director for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Glen Cheverie

VOTE ON MOTION 318: 11/1/1 Carried

(8:15)

6. Question Period:

Jim Locke stated that at the time of the ratification of the Handbook Editor, it was agreed that regular reports would be given to the Board. He asked when this would start. Karen Takacs responded that the Handbook Editor would be asked to present a report at the next meeting.

Jim Locke asked about the status of the committee that was struck to look into Cusacorp. Maria Calderone responded that she had tried to contact the

members of the committee as she had been requested at the last Board meeting, but was unable to reach them. Karen Takacs stated that there would be a meeting later this week with Cusacorp to do some fact-finding, and that there would be a report at the next Board meeting.

7. New Business:

a) Hiring Committee Policy:

A revised Hiring Committee Policy (BD-50-D2) was distributed; however, Karen Takacs announced that this policy required changes. Because changes were being made, she asked the Directors to read over the policy and to submit any suggestions they might have in this regard. She further stated that the newly revised policy would be distributed prior to the next Board meeting.

b) Appointments to the Hiring Committee:

This Item was postponed until the revised Hiring Committee Policy is adopted.

c) Appointments to the External Committee:

Karen Takacs advised the Board of the need for a committee to assist the V.P. External with such issues as the Parliamentary Commission, conferences, etc. She added that there have been as many as six committee members in the past. There were no volunteers. Chairperson John Moore requested that this Item be left for future consideration.

(8:30)

e) Academic Services Fee Update:

Karen Takacs and Scott White announced that Academic Services Fee would be on the agenda of the Board of Governors Meeting, Thursday, June 19th (open session at about 1:30 p.m.). They urged all Directors to attend. Scott White stated that Michael Judson had reported that the Finance Committee of the Board of Governors had decided to include the Academic Services Fee in a broader package aimed at reducing the deficit. Scott White reported that a letter detailing CUSA's arguments against the Academic Services Fee would be distributed to all the Governors, and that the student representatives on the Board of Governors would be trying to arrange personal interviews with the other Governors to discuss CUSA's stand.

f) Summer Schedule for Board Meetings:

A memo was sent to all the Directors outlining the schedule for the meetings as follows: June 18, July 2, July 16, July 30, August 13, and August 27 (all Wednesday evenings), at 6:30 p.m. in H-762, Hall Building, Sir George Williams Campus.

MOTION 319:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the schedule for meetings for June, July and August 1986 be adopted.

Moved by: Tony Ghannamy
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

Amendment: That the meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.

Vote on the Amendment: 3/9/1 Defeated

VOTE ON MOTION 319: 12/0/1 Carried

8. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn.

Moved by: Glen Cheverie
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

There were no objections to this motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

John Moore, Chairperson

Jo Howard, Recording Secretary